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1. DUPONT SA (GENEVA) NOW CONSIDERING VARIOUS CITIES MIDDLE
EAST AS POTENTIAL SITES NEW REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS. REQUEST
FOLLOWING INFOR BY TELEGRAM. IF INFO ON CURRENT SITUATION,
ETC., CONTAINED IN REPORTS ALREADY SENT DEPT., WE COULD OBTAIN
REPEATS OF THESE IF YOU FURNISH REFERENCE.

2. (A) HAVE LARGE US AND OTHER FIRMS AND BANKS WHICH MAY HAVE
EVACUATED BEIRUT DURING HOSTILITIES BEGUN TO RETURN? (B) WHAT
IS GENERAL OUTLOOK FOR BEIRUT AS MAJOR CENTER FOR REGIONAL
OPERATIONS? (C) WOULD IT BE ADVISABLE FOR REPRESENTATIVES
US FIRMS VISIT BEIRUT NOW TO SURVEY SITUATION? (D) IS HOTEL
SPACE AVAILABLE FOR SUCH VISITS?

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